

I am writing to oppose the FCC's proposal to permit the use of cell phones on airplanes in flight.

I have seen no solid evidence that cell phone use will not interfere with airplane navigational systems, and the exposure to radio frequency radiation emissions for all occupants of the closed space of the aircraft cabin has also not been shown to be safe. When countries like the UK are moving toward prohibiting cell phone use by children, we should not be considering involuntarily exposing children on flights to the RF radiation from cell phones in use.

In addition, the noise levels from numerous passengers holding conversations, and the resulting irritation for passengers seated near a caller will only add to the stress that can cause "air rage." Anyone who has been seated next to someone using a cell phone in a bus or train can attest that those around the caller cannot concentrate on anything else while a conversation is in progress.

Please leave in effect the current prohibition against cell phone use during flights.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of this issue,

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